

Baptists of the South Assemble in Richmond for Annual Convention, Which Begins in City Auditorium To-Night

Notable Address Delivered by the President of Brown University.

MANY HEADS OF COLLEGES HERE

Educational Conferences Promise to Be Among Most Popular and Important Features of Convention—Well-Known Speakers on To-Day's Program.

ADDRESSES BY EDUCATORS TO-DAY

MORNING. Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College; subject, "The Task of the College in the South." Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; subject, "The Bible in the Colleges." Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. AFTERNOON. Dr. R. T. Vann, president of North Carolina Woman's College; subject, "Provision for the Education of Our Daughters." Dr. S. Y. Jamieson, president of Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; subject, "The Distinctive Character of Our Baptist Schools." Dr. W. C. James, Bethel College, Russellville, Ky.; subject, "The Outlook of a Christian College."

With a brilliant address by Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University, Providence, R. I., the sessions of the Southern Baptist Educational Conference began at the Grace Street Baptist Church last night, to continue through to-day. A large audience, almost filling the spacious edifice, gave close and interested attention, and at the conclusion of the address many of the ministers and laymen congratulated the distinguished visitor.

Dr. Faunce is an attractive and forceful orator; has a full, melodious voice, and speaks easily and gracefully, yet forcefully, occasionally rising to eloquence. His diction is elegant and his sentences are at times epigrammatic and pregnant with thought. The address last night was on the true education of men and women, and was a plea for the broadest culture. Dr. Faunce demanded the largest liberty compatible with faith, and dismissed the fear that the larger culture was in any way antagonistic to unshaken faith and consecrated life. He advocated the intellectual as contrasted with the material side of life, but pleaded for practical education and advanced methods of instruction.

Trained Leaders. The standard of some was that the man who can get the most out of a five-dollar note was the best educated. The man who can get the most out of the sunshine, out of the starlight, out of the church, the school, out of art and music is the best educated man in the true sense. Dr. Faunce then reviewed what the schools have done and what the church wishes them to do.

The church is looking to the schools for trained leaders, men thoroughly qualified to teach and to lead others upward into a higher realm intellectually and religiously. The twelve apostles were shrewd, practical but untrained men. In the Book of Acts, however, one finds a different type of men enlisted in the work of evangelizing the world. Paul was educated in all the learning of his day, trained at the feet of Gamaliel. There were also Apollos and Timothy, leading in the work of instructing the world in the truths of Christianity and spreading the gospel among men. In later periods there were men like Luther, Melancthon, Luther and Calvin and a host of others, men capable of interpreting the mind of Christ to their fellowmen.

Methodism was established by a man of culture who spoke many languages. Roger Williams was also a man of culture, and it was related of him that he would row thirty miles for the mere pleasure of taking part in a religious discussion. It is the natural way in the spiritual world. God never uses a poor instrument when he has a better at hand. The church needs for its work ripened men. Christ gave thirty years of His life to preparation for a ministry covering only about three years. The speaker's advice to young men was to give themselves time. There is needed not so much more ministers, but more minister, in the sense of men equipped with the best preparation and the highest culture.

Dr. Faunce declared that it was significant that the three greatest evangelists of modern times—Phineas, Spurgeon and Moody—had spent the closing years of their lives and the ripened fruits of their learning in the Christian education of young men. Moody's most enduring monument today is the great Bible school, which he founded in Massachusetts. These men, gifted with the evangelistic temper and power, thought it worth while to devote their ripened years to the training of young men.

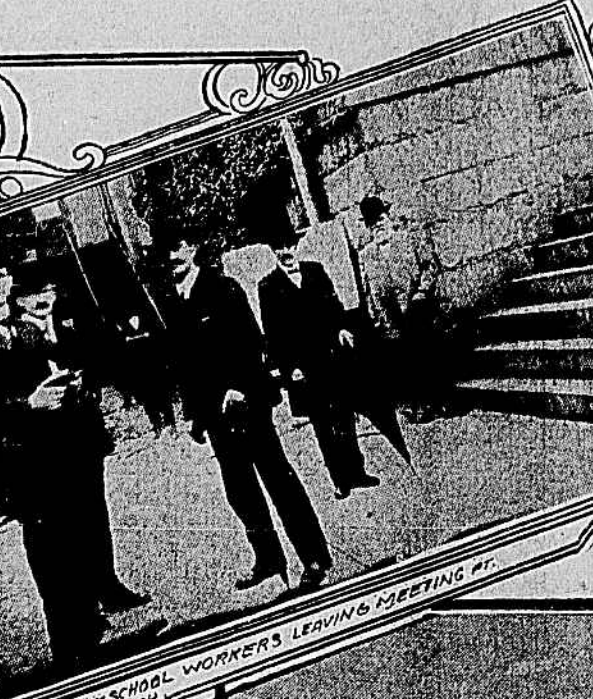
Passion for Reality. There is in the present day in education as in other affairs a passion for reality. People are turning away from words and names to things. Nature study, object methods and other practical forms of instruction now in vogue are evidence of this tendency. Dr. Faunce illustrated the differences by describing the methods used in the instruction of children in the study of "Hawthorne." They were now brought in contact with the bark, the trees, and all the objects cited in the poetic story, and were thoroughly familiar with the tangible things that figure in the poem before reading the poem itself. In the old



Rev. Dr. A. J. Dickinson, Birmingham, Ala., who preached the annual sermon.



Hon. E. W. Stephens, President, Columbia, Mo.



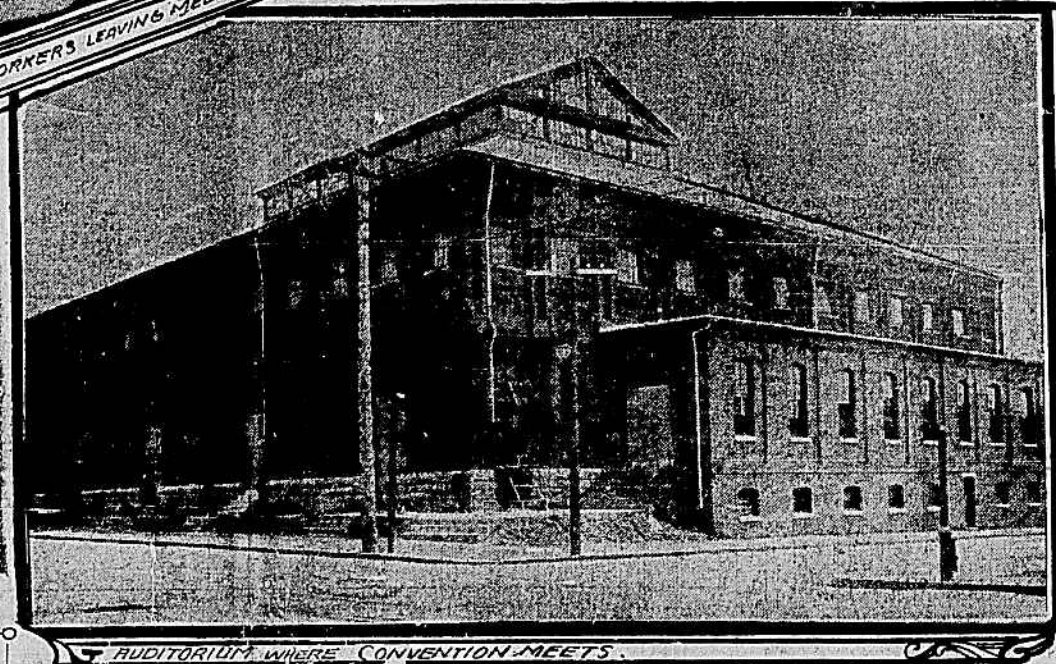
Sunday school workers leaving meeting at First Church.



Rev. O. F. Gregory, Secretary, Staunton, Va.



Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows, Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.



Auditorium where convention meets.

Delegates and Visitors Pouring in on Every Train.

MEETINGS HELD HERE YESTERDAY

Sunday-School Workers, Young People, Educators and Others Have Sessions—Convention Proper Will Begin Its Work To-Day.

PROGRAM FOR BAPTISTS TO-DAY

- 10 A. M.—Educational Conference at Grace Street Church.
- 10 A. M.—Baptist Young People's Union at First Church.
- 10 A. M.—Women's Missionary Union at Second Church.
- 10 A. M.—Enrollment of delegates at Jefferson Hotel.
- 10 A. M.—Annual meeting of trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Grove Avenue Church.
- 11 A. M.—Education Commission at Virginia at Second Church (committee room).
- 3 P. M.—Laymen's Conference at Calvary Church, with addresses by Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, and former Governor Norther, of Georgia.
- 3 P. M.—Baptist Young People's Union at First Church.
- 3 P. M.—Women's Missionary Union at Second Church.
- 3 P. M.—Enrollment of delegates at Jefferson Hotel.
- 8:15 P. M.—Opening session of Southern Baptist Convention in City Auditorium. (1) address of welcome by Mayor McCarthy; (2) response by some one to be appointed; (3) organization; (4) annual sermon by Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., of Birmingham, Ala.

"The fifty-second session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be in every way the greatest gathering that the church in the South has ever known."

This is what Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Staunton, one of the secretaries to the general convention, said last night. At Chattanooga last year when the fifty-first convention was held from May 11th to May 14th there were present 1,451 delegates from the sixteen States represented in the Southern district, but here in Richmond, when the convention is called to order this evening at the Auditorium, there will be not fewer than 2,000 delegates seated. In Chattanooga there were all told, 5,500 Baptists on the convention proper, and the various allied associations, but there will be fully 10,000 Baptists who will take part in the meetings here beginning to-night and ending on Monday evening.

Advance Guard Here. For several days past the advance guard of the great army of religious workers of the Southern Baptist Church has been arriving slowly. At Richmond, probably 2,000 Baptist men and women reached Richmond and quietly began the preliminary work of Christian endeavor, which must be accomplished before the great general convention opens.

At the hotels the lobbies were crowded with persons wearing the red badge of delegates and workers, while in four Baptist churches last night and one yesterday morning, large audiences assembled, heartily to engage in religious work. At the Young Men's Christian Association Building, where the local committee has its headquarters, the activity is liveliest, for here it is that the delegates and their friends are welcomed, and assigned to hotels and lodging-houses; here questions are answered, directions are given, and the creature needs of the visitors are cared for.

Or this committee, Mr. E. D. Starke is chairman, and the success of the business end of the convention hinges in a small degree to him and his associates. Rev. Dr. Ryland Knight, secretary, and Mr. J. B. Wood, treasurer of the committee.

The other chairman of local committees are: Places of meeting, W. J. Westwood; finance, J. E. Wood; press, R. H. Pitt; hotels and boarding-houses, W. D. Duke; transportation, H. L. Lorraine; reception, Dr. E. L. Grace. At the Jefferson Hotel, Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, Tenn., whose father was so long pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, and Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Staunton, the secretaries of the convention, have their offices in the lobby near the Main Street entrance, and here the delegates are required to register. Despite the fact that there are more than 2,500 Baptist visitors in the city, many of whom are delegates, not more than 150 have so far registered.

"They are very slow in registering," said Dr. Gregory last night, "but we have had more success to-day than ever before. By to-morrow night nearly all will have appeared, and this will be something entirely new. Heretofore we have met on Friday morning, but so great was the demand for an earlier date that this year, for the first time, we meet on Thursday evening."

Democratic Body. The Southern Baptist Convention is a democratic body, in which all the ministers and laymen. In fact, the president, Dr. Edwin Williams Stephens, of Columbia, Mo., is a layman, the editor of a newspaper, and no fewer than three of the four vice-presidents are laymen, among them being Hon. Henry Robinson Pollard, of Richmond. The purpose of the convention is to carry into effect the benevolent intentions of its constituents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole Baptist denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel. The work is divided into two

ABRAHAM RUEF PLEADS GUILTY

Lawyers Quit Grafters' Case Before Sensational Turn Takes Place.

SAYS, HOWEVER, HE'S INNOCENT

Almost a Wreck, Former Political Leader of San Francisco Began for Mercy, That He Might Be an Honest Man Hereafter.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Abraham Ruef, nervous and pallid, to-day, in Judge Dunne's court, pleaded guilty to the crime of extortion, the felony for which he was to have been tried by the jury already selected. In pleading guilty he made an impressive address to the judge, stating that he had commenced his career in politics with high ideals for himself and for the city, but that conditions had broken him down, and he now desired only an opportunity to make reparation and restore his character before the world. After he concluded his address he fell back into his chair, almost fainting, and tears coursed down his cheeks. His health, he said, could not endure the strain of the trial which he was facing, and the torture was beyond the endurance of those who were nearest and dearest to him. Before Ruef arose his attorneys, Henry Ach, Samuel Shortridge and Frank Murphy, one by one, arose and stated that, owing to a grave difference of opinion with their client, each of them must withdraw from the case. On Verge of Collapse. Ruef, in his address, spoke with emotion. (Continued on Second Page.)

How to Get to Convention Hall

All those who intend visiting the Auditorium while the Baptist Convention is in session will be saved trouble and delay, as well as confusion, by observing the following directions as to how to get there. Those staying in residences along Main Street can best reach the Auditorium by taking the Main Street car, crossing the bridge, and walking one block south to Linden and Cary Streets, where is located the convention hall. Laurel Street cars go within two blocks of the doors, Laurel and Cary Streets. Passengers on this line walk west two blocks. All Clay Street cars also go within two blocks of the Auditorium, and passengers can leave the cars at Harrison and Main and walk south one block and then east one block. All Oakwood and Main, as well as Oakwood and Broad, Street cars pass the doors of the Auditorium.

JOHN ROCKEFELLER TIDEWATER OWNER

Practical Admission That He is Mysterious Power Behind Rogers.

PRESIDENT PAGE GIVES HISTORY

Hearing Before Commerce Commission Brings Out Facts Heretofore Unknown—C. & O. and N. & W. Wanted Road to Keep Away from Tidewater.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The Interstate Commerce Commission was deeply interested to-day in listening to the clearing up of the mystery as to the ownership of the Tidewater, or Virginia Railroad, as it has been recently named. The mystery is not so much of a mystery now, due to the story told the commission to-day by Walter N. Page, president of the road. Mr. Page told of having been given a letter of credit amounting to \$12,000,000 to build the road, and of how he already spent over \$20,000,000. He told the commission that H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil, and S. H. Hyams, a Boston millionaire, had financed the enterprise, but that back of them was a mysterious personage whose identity had never been revealed. This latter man of mystery is supposed to be John D. Rockefeller.

The story came out in the hearing of the complaint of the Loop Creek Colliery Company and the Deepwater Railroad to compel the Chesapeake and Ohio to enter into satisfactory traffic agreements. There were numerous witnesses, but their testimony was uninteresting until Mr. Page was called. Questions from his own attorney, from Henry T. Wickham, general counsel of

RICHMOND LOST THE METHODISTS

Next General Conference Will Be Held in Asheville, in 1910. NASHVILLE, TENN., May 15.—The next general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held at Asheville, N. C., in 1910, according to the decision reached here to-day by the special committee to decide the matter appointed at the last general conference. Delegations from Richmond, Va.; Kansas City, Mo.; Atlanta, Ga.; and New Orleans, La., urged claims of their respective cities.

ADMITS PLOT TO MURDER THE CZAR

SEVERELY CONDEMN HARRIMAN'S PLANS

Attorneys for Commission Make Sweeping Indictment in Report.

SYSTEM ALMOST CRIMINAL

Market Violently Excited on Premature Publication of Document.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A portion of the recommendations of Attorneys Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance to the Interstate Commerce Commission concerning the Harriman railroad investigation was published here to-day. It reviews the testimony, and holds that railroad competition has been suppressed in an area equal to one-third of the United States; that the contracts between the Union Pacific and Rock Island for the control of the Alton Railway, as well as the contracts between the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific and the steps taken for the control of the Illinois Central and the San Pedro road are all in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. It recommends that the attorney-general institute proceedings to annul these agreements. It also recommends that there should be new and effective laws to prevent inflation of securities, and declares that the profits of the great railroads of the Far West are being used by stocks and control systems in the East instead of building

WILL NOT DIE AS HE SAID BEFORE

Augusta Detective Who Murdered Woman Secures Delay from Court.

AUGUSTA, GA., May 15.—Arthur Glover, who created a sensation in court when for the second time he was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Maud Dean, by exclaiming: "I'll be damned if I will be hanged," and who tried to borrow a pistol with which to kill the trial judge, will not suffer the death penalty or the day set for his execution, May 26th, a hearing on his motion for a new trial having been set for June 15th. In the event, this is denied the case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following is a corrected official announcement to the delegates made by Dr. Burrows and Dr. Gregory, the secretaries of the convention: "The office of the secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the Main Street entrance of the Jefferson Hotel, on the office floor, will be open for the registration of delegates Thursday, May 16th, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. "Financial delegates and association representatives are earnestly urged to present their cards of appointment as soon after arrival as possible. Attention of this will greatly aid us in preparing the roll and obviate the necessity of a tedious roll call. Only those who have registered and received badges will be admitted to the delegates' section in the Auditorium. "State secretaries will please report as soon as possible, and thus aid in prompt organization."